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Chief W.L. Johnson of the Police Department and Chief Tommy McDowell of the Fire Department along with Public Safety Committee Chairman, Councilman Deb Sofield, will be conducting a press conference on Friday January 24, 2003 at 11:00a.m. within the Police Muster Room on the basement level of the Greenville County Law Enforcement Center. The purpose of this conference will be to announce the consolidation of the Police and Fire dispatching functions.

In addressing this project, the present Police Communications Center was renovated and expanded through the 1997 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The culmination of this project has now been completed with the relocation of the Fire Department's dispatching and fire alarm monitoring capabilities over this past week. This Emergency Communications Center for the Police and Fire Departments will improve the quality of service for our citizens by decreasing call handling time, eliminating transfers, and allowing the use of automated mapping and the Computer Aided Dispatch System.

Following the press conference within the Police Muster room, everyone will be invited to proceed down the hallway for the ribbon cutting ceremony at our Communications Center. This long term goal has been achieved through a teamwork atmosphere and will address homeland security issues by increasing the communication abilities of our first responders. With the commitment to serve, protect, and care for the citizens of Greenville, this project exemplifies our efforts in enhancing the quality of life for everyone.

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